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18 March 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

References:

- a. Memorandum, Office of Operations, 1 December 1947, addressed to DCI, subject: Establishment of Alien Interrogation Unit.
- b. Memorandum, Office of the Executive for A&M, 15 December 1947, addressed to Executive Director, subject: Establishment of an Alien Interrogation Unit in Office of Operations.
- c. Memorandum, Chief, ICAPS, 17 December 1947, addressed to the Director, subject: Alien Interrogation by OO.
- d. Memorandum, Office of Operations, 17 February 1948, addressed to DCI, subject: Alien Interrogation.

1. It is realized that NSCID 7 may possibly increase our activities in the field of alien interrogation. It is not believed that such increase requires any substantial increase in our existing facilities in conducting this activity.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has indicated that it has no objection to our interrogation of aliens on a highly selective basis -- providing that "prior to interviewing such individuals, you clear the matter with the headquarters of this Bureau, inasmuch as any one field division may not always be cognizant of a pending investigation by this Bureau in other field divisions."

3. With specific regard to your memorandum of 1 December 1947, listed as Reference a., above:

25X1A a. The establishment of an Alien Interrogation Unit at this time is not favorably considered. It is desired that full use of the administrative and reports facilities of the [REDACTED] be utilized in carrying out our functions pertaining to alien interrogation and that there be no increase in personnel for the purpose. This does not preclude your requesting additional personnel if and when the work load in this regard proves such increase necessary.

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b. We cannot justify, in the present stage of our development, the permanent acquisition of a "safe house" either through lease or purchase. When necessary to provide such a facility we will utilize hotel rooms or guest homes.

4. Effective at once, all clearances with the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to the interrogation of aliens will be done thru the Washington headquarters of the Bureau and in writing.

/s/

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

cc:

Director

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*W. E. Gyl.*